

Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association
Minutes of the 134th Annual Meeting
March 29, 2003
Rocky Ford, Colorado

The 134th Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at the Gobin's Building, Rocky Ford, Colorado with President, Hans Hasser presiding.

Following the invocation led by Tim Erickson, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. The welcome was given by Dave Mendenhall and the Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce.

Featured guest speaker was Ken Winter of Dodge City, Kansas. Special reports were given by Colorado Senator Ken Kester, Jeff Yost with Colorado DOW, Heather Buckmaster with Colorado Beef Council, and Dick Tanner, Colorado Brand Board member.

Colorado Cattlemen's Association reports were given by Executive Director, Terry Fankhauser, and Game & Fish Committee Chairman, Kimmi Lewis.

Mike Yearous with USDA's Wildlife Services also addressed the meeting group.

Marilyn Weber gave a report for the Southeast Colorado Cattlemen and Bette Ann Erickson reported for the Arkansas Valley Cattlemen. A report was also given by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association.

With no further reports to be given, President Hans Hasser called the business meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Karren "Sparky" Turner made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. Bill Gray seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

As there was no old business to act on, Kerry Hartshorn gave the Audit Committee Report. Jim Rogers moved to accept the Audit Report. Martin Canterbury seconded the motion. Motion carried. The budget for 2003 was also presented by Kerry. Bill Gray moved to accept the Budget Report. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust report was given by Pat Karney. Red Heath moved to accept this report. Tim Erickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman, Hans Hasser appointed a credentials committee of Alta Mae Brown, Tim Erickson, and Pat Karney.

Lane Bodey presented the resolutions for the Resolutions Committee as follows:

Resolution #1: NCBA Voting Structure. Sparky Turner asked to set this resolution aside for later discussion.

Resolution #2: Country of Origin Labeling. Sparky asked to set this resolution aside for later discussion.

Resolution #6: Policy Promotion/Representation. Alta Mae Brown asked to set this resolution aside for later discussion.

Resolution #3: Thanks and Appreciation. Steve Ptolemy moved to accept this resolution. Kimmi Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #4: Lane read the resolution and members stood to take a moment to memorialize their deceased members. Kimmi Lewis moved to accept this resolution. Sparky Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #5: Support Troops. Steve Ptolemy moved to accept this resolution. Kimmi Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Set asides:

NCBA Voting Structure – Discussion. Bill Gray submitted this resolution and explained his reasons for doing so. Discussion. Sparky Turner called for the question. Question passed. A vote was taken to accept this resolution. Division of the house was called for. The credentials committee counted the votes by a show of hands. Vote to accept this resolution passed. 21 to 11

COOL – Sparky Turner moved to oppose this resolution. Alta Mae Brown seconded the motion. Discussion. Question was called for by Pat Karney. Question passed. A vote was taken on the motion to oppose this resolution. Division of the house was called for. The credentials committee counted the votes by a show of hands. Motion to oppose this resolution passed. 18 to 12

Policy Promotion/Representation – Kerry Hartshorn moved to accept this resolution. Del Chase seconded the motion. Discussion. Pat Karney called for the question. Votes were counted. Those in favor for the call of question 19, not in favor 4. Question passed. A vote was taken on the motion to accept this resolution. The vote was counted by a show of hands. Motion to accept this resolution passed. 18 to 12

Randy Mason of Rocky Ford addressed the meeting group concerning agriculture zoning issues with Rocky Ford and county.

Kerry Hartshorn gave the Nominating Committee Report. Karren “Sparky” Turner was nominated for President. Lane Bodey was nominated for Vice President. JoAnn McEndree was nominated for Second Vice President. Lori Chase was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. It was moved by Red Heath and seconded by Jim Rogers to elect this slate of officers. Motion passed.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Bent County Directors: Pat Karney, Alta Mae Brown, Tom Robb, Tim Erickson. Jim Rogers moved to elect this slate of directors. Jo Ann McEndree seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Kiowa County Directors: Dale Butler, George Ellicott, Jim Rogers, Bruce Fickenscher. Del Chase moved to elect this slate of directors. Pat Karney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

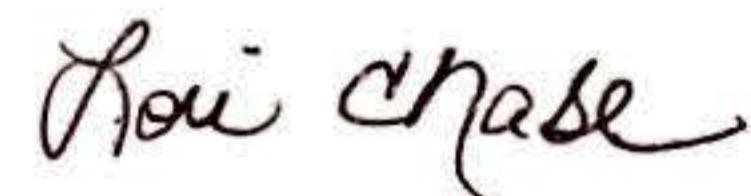
The nominating committee nominated the following for Otero County Directors: Luke Larson, Martin Canterbury, David Mendenhall, Mike Dutton. Jim Rogers moved to elect this slate of directors. Alta Mae seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Prowers County Directors: Doug Hasser, Benny Kennedy, Red Heath, Kyle Shelton. Pat Karney moved to elect this slate of directors. Shawna Hartshorn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Baca County Directors: Homer Mundell, Adin Mizer, Steve McEndree, John George. Tim Erickson moved to elect this slate of directors. Del Chase seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no new business, Kerry Hartshorn moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Chase
Secretary

RESCLUTION # 1

NCBA Voting Structure Resolution

Whereas the NCBA is a grassroots organization comprised of individual dues paying members; and,

Whereas each individual shoud have an opportunity for his/her vote to be counted on issues of importance to NCBA and the beef industry; and

Whereas current NCBA voting structure does not always allow for accurate membership positions to be formed on all policy decisions according to the individual member majority; and,

Therefore be it resolved that CCA pursue a proxy based voting system within the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. This proxy voting system would allow NCBA affiliates to vote the number of current NCBA members, attributed to their affiliate, on Policy Division issues during NCBA board meetings.

RESOLUTION # 2

Whereas Many serious concerns about mandatory Country of Origin Labeling have arisen since passage of the 2002 Farm Bill,

Whereas there is increasing recognition about the many adverse aspects of Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) relative to tracking, auditing verification and compliance,

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, and Colorado Cattlemen's Association support NCBA's position of Country of Origin Labeling as voluntary and industry-driven; and

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, and Colorado Cattlemen's Association support NCBA with regard to implementation of madatory COOL.

1. Request congressional hearing to investigate the impact of COOL.
2. Request that the USDA hold hearings to increase awareness about COOL.
3. Develop educational and informational messages to inform producers about COOL.
4. Work with state cattle associations and related groups to comunicate this message.

RESOLUTION # 3

Be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the businesses, media, and individuals who have made us welcome here in Rocky Ford and so generously contributed to the success of this 134th annual meeting.

RESOLUTION # 4

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

RESOLUTION # 5

Be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to offer our support to the troops who are defending our freedom as well as the freedom of other countries around the world.

***PROPOSED RESOLUTION
OF THE BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS
ASSOCIATION***

***CONCERNING
POLICY PROMOTION/REPRESENTATION***

Whereas, Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association (BPCHG) represents producer members of five counties within the state of Colorado and is considered to be a respected and reliable voice of the Cattle and Agricultural Industry; and

Whereas, BPCHG Association develops policy positions based on information presented through research, individual viewpoint and open discussion and thereafter approves all policy by the majority present at Annual meetings and/or Board meetings of the Association; and

Whereas, Official BPCHG Association policy positions are promoted and presented throughout various media outlets, public meetings and industry functions; and

Whereas, Individuals willing to represent the BPCHG Association should be aware and informed of the official policy positions of the Association; and

Whereas, Individuals are free to represent their personal opinion by acknowledging that the opinion presented is an individual viewpoint and doesn't represent BPCHG Association Policy.

Therefore be it resolved, The BPCHG Association requires any Officer, Director, or Member attending any gathering while promoting and discussing policy positions as a designated representative and/or delegate of the Association, obtain Board of Director approval and assignment prior to any such action or occurrence; and

Be it further resolved, The BPCHG Association encourages all Past Officers and/or Board of Director members to refrain from using the BPCHG Association's name and/or previous titles when promoting personal opinions that are not consistent with the approved and/or adopted policies of the BPCHG Association; and

Be it additionally resolved, The BPCHG Association recognizes and supports each individual's right to free speech and therefore recommends that all Officers, Directors and Members (past and present) of the BPCHG Association identify and differentiate personal opinions from BPCHG Association policy positions and consequently avoid any confusion or misconception of BPCHG Association approved and/or adopted policies.